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Tiruchirappalli, South Kanara and Malabar districts compared to no manure or local treatments ranged from 22 per cent to 58 per cent. Six farmers who secured the highest yields under the modified method secured yields ranging from 6,500 lb. per acre to 9,625 lb. per acre."

Repairs to Sultan canal, Pazhayangadi, North Malabar.

* 1068 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the Sultan canal of Pazhayangadi, North Malabar, has not been repaired by the Government as usual?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No repairs were carried out to this canal for so many years in view of the uneconomic nature of the work."

Nationalisation of industries in the State.

* 1069 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any proposal from the Planning Commission with regard to the nationalisation of industries in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

10-10 a.m. *Landed property of the Manaithunainatha temple in Valivalam village, Nagapattinam taluk, Tanjore district.*

* 1070 Q.—SRI S. VADIVELU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state the extent and value of the landed property of Manaithunainatha temple in Valivalam village of Nagapattinam taluk, Tanjore district?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is not readily available, Sir."

Amount allotted for loans to Rural Co-operative House Building Society in Tanjore district for 1954–55.

* 1071 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the sum proposed to be allotted for loans to Rural Co-operative House Building Societies in Tanjore district for the year 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A sum of Rs. 52,500 has been allotted for the grant of loans to Rural Housing Societies in Tanjore district for the year 1954–55."

Fish-curing yards on the West Coast.

* 1072 Q.—SRI N. GOPALA MENON (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many fish-curing yards there are on the West Coast;

(b) what exactly their functions are;

(c) the total quantity of salt sold to these yards in 1953; and

(d) the total cost of maintaining these yards?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There are 63 fish-curing yards on the West Coast.

" (b) These fish-curing yards provide facilities for the fishermen to cure their catches of fish under sanitary conditions under the supervision of the yard staff. Salt of good quality required to cure fish is issued to the curers at subsidised rates at these yards. The yard staff supervise the extraction of shark liver oil, despatch livers to the Government Oil Factory, Kozhikode, collect statistics relating to fish landed, fish cured, etc., and also do welfare work among fishermen.

" (c) The total quantity of salt sold is 214,502 maunds.

" (d) The total cost of maintenance of these yards is Rs. 2,47,700."

Uplift of Fishermen community.

* 1073 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what steps have been taken by this Government for the uplift of fishermen and to provide them with employment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table."

Number of slums in the City aliented to the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 1074 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many slums (hutting grounds) in the City belonging to the Government were alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare, for improvement and for assignment as house sites to the respective occupiers;

(b) how many slums belonging to the Government are under consideration for similar disposal; and

(c) whether slums on the lands alienated to the Corporation of Madras also will be transferred to the Director of Harijan Welfare for the same purpose of assignment to the respective occupiers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The information is not readily available, Sir."

Amount spent on adult education in Tanjore district during 1952–53.

* 1075 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent on adult education in Tanjore district during 1952–53; and

(b) the number of adult education centres maintained?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Rs. 18,910–9–0.

" (b) The Government are not maintaining any adult education centres in the State. The number of aided adult education centres in the Tanjore district during 1952–53 was 135."

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 463-464 infra.